

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Newly-added Claims 50-66 are supported by the specification and the original claims.
No new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS

Claims 50-66 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, are believed to be obviated by the amendments submitted above.

Claim 50 recites reaction with alcohols and clearly identified the starting materials and products. In view of this amendment, the claimed process is enabled and the metes and bounds of the claims are clearly delineated. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested. In particular, the definition of R^1 - R^6 have been provided.

Claim 56 specifies that the lowest boiling point of the alcohols R^1OH , R^2OH and R^3OH has a different of at least $20^{\circ}C$ from the highest boiling point of the alcohols R^4OH , R^5OH , and R^6OH . This feature is described in the specification at page 4, lines 16-20.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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